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Subject: Public Comment Submission - Rt. 33 Kensington Expressway Project - PIN 5512.52

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Hello,

Please see the attached letter in support of the Rt. 33 Kensington Expressway Project - PIN 5512.52.

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November 9, 2023

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October 20, 2023

NYS Route 33, Kensington Expressway Project Team NYSDOT Region 5 100 Seneca Street Buffalo, NY 14203

RE: Public Hearing September 27th, 2023 – NY Route 33 PIN 5512.52

Dear Kensington Expressway Project Team:

The Restore Our Community Coalition (ROCC) supports the Kensington Expressway Project to cover a portion of Route 33, with a preference that the project meet limits of the Region Central project at Delavan to complete the "One Road" concept reconnecting MLK Jr. and Delaware Parks. This project and its initial phase is a vital part of attaining the goal to reconnect a community that has been marginalized for decades and disenfranchised from the current economic resurgence of Buffalo. The construction of Route 33 brought tremendous economic and environmental harm and devastation to the residents and businesses along Humboldt Parkway, Hamlin Park Trinidad Park and MLK Park neighborhoods and business corridors in the City of Buffalo, especially Fillmore and Jefferson Avenues. Recreating a green space and access across East-West segments of streets disrupted by the expressway will help remediate the physical and psychological barrier to social and economic vitality for residents, businesses, and anchor institutions around Humboldt Parkway. Removing the direct impact of pollution from the Kensington Expressway traffic will be a significant health benefit from said project while maintaining an important transportation link for the regional traffic.

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- Health Impacts Assessment
- Maintenance Sustainability Study including estimated annual budgets and maintenance responsibilities for the concept
- Parking Spaces not be completely eliminated for residents along the parkway
- In-depth examination of the impacts of the pedestrian crossings and movement at the roundabouts

The current concept still need some clarification and context including a thorough analysis of environmental impact and related public health concerns. We are confident that our neighborhood transformation will thrive with reconnecting our community and restoring the greenspace designed by Frederick Law Olmsted as a capstone parkway within the park system. Converting this now decaying bathtub portion of the expressway to a beautiful connector, improving the visual quality and natural environment of Humboldt Parkway will catalyze improvement of property values and assist in the revitalization of business districts along Fillmore and Jefferson Avenues. A restored Humboldt is essential for a complete renaissance of Buffalo where everyone can participate in the progress, and those neighborhoods once scarred can be restored.

Sincerely.

Stephanie Barber-Geter, Chair



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**Date:** Thursday, November 9, 2023 3:41:45 PM

Attachments: ROCC Rte 33 Support Letter.pdf

Please see attached support letter submitted for the Kensington covering project.

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Subject: ROCC Draft Support Form Letter

**Date:** Thursday, November 9, 2023 4:55:07 PM

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